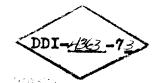
12 September 1973

Mr. Richard A. Jacobs
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Dear Mr. Jacobs:

This is in response to your NLK-73-30. The 11 enclosed documents have been reviewed and our determinations and/or recommendations are as follows:

- a. <u>Item No. 269</u> Downgraded to Secret, but document must remain classified under category 5B(3) of E.O. 11652 because its substance deals with operational planning involving political action, propaganda, paramilitary operations, and operational concepts.
 - b. Item No. 270 Declassified.
 - c. <u>Item No. 271</u> Declassified.
- d. Item No. 272 This memorandum deals primarily with U.S. foreign and domestic policy. The Agency defers to the judgment of the NSC with respect to its declassification. It is not an Agency document.
- e. Item Nos. 273 and 274 The Agency has no objection to the declassification of these documents if the NSC sees fit to do so. They are not Agency documents.
- f. Item No. 275 The Agency recommends that this document, which deals with operational plans, retain its current classification. Exemption is based on category 5B(3) of E.O. 11652. It is not an Agency document.
- g. <u>Item Nos. 276 and 277</u> The Agency has no objection to declassification (Item No. 277, of course, bears no defense classification), but defers to the judgment of the NSC. They are not Agency documents.

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- h. Item No. 278 There is no Agency interest in this document, and therefore no objection is raised to its declassification. The determination should be made by the NSC, the USIA, and the Department of State.
- i. Item No. 279 This memorandum deals with covert operations, and the Agency therefore does not concur in its declassification. The current classification should be retained, with exemption based on category 58(3) of E.O. 11652. It is not an Agency document.

Sincerely,

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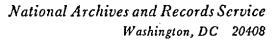
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Reference is made to our letter of June 27, 1973, which transmitted 16 documents to you for mandatory classification review in accordance with Sections 5 (C) and (D), Executive Order 11652.

This review was initiated by Professor James MacGregor Burns of Williams College. Professor Burns is pursuing an indepth investigation of the Cuban Missile Crisis and is working primarily in the holdings of the John F. Kennedy Library. Transmitted herewith are an additional 11 documents which Professor Burns wishes reviewed for possible declassification.

As this now appears to be a continuing review of considerable dimensions, we are belatedly faced with the necessity of establishing a more effective administrative and intellectual control over it. Commencing with this increment, we will affix "Item Numbers" on the documents to be reviewed. A single continuing numerical sequence will be used for control and case identification of additional increments as they are received in this office from the Kennedy Library. Your use of these item numbers in reference or discussion of the individual documents as may be required will assist us materially.

Any inquiries or correspondence generated in this connection should be directed to the attention of NLK-73-30.

Sincerely

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Deputy Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries

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